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STATEMENT FROM MAYOR STOTHERT RE: OFD BUDGET

"The Fire Department has been over budget by 30 million dollars over the past five years. As Mayor, I am seeking information from and providing direction to Omaha Fire Department management so we can fix their budget after years of overspending and financial mismanagement.

I have provided Chief McDonnell with numerous, reasonable written requests and directives for the department to become more transparent and accountable to me and the taxpayers. I expect him to comply with my directions. As Mayor, I am ultimately responsible to ensure that the Fire Department is managed in ways that protect and promote public safety, while operating within the confines of a defined and reasonable budget.

Consequently, during final budget activities the next few weeks, it is important the administration speak with one voice on our progress and the impact of any recommended changes to the operations of the Fire Department."

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